Force landing of an air taxi at Santa Cruz airport

4133. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION & TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that 48 passengers of a private air taxi, belonging to Continental Aviation Private Limited, had a narrow escape when one of the engines of the aircraft shut down in mid air and it force landed at Santa Cruz airport on 17th June, 1992;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what checks of the aircraft are undertaken before the aircraft is permitted to take off and whether all such checks were actually done in this case?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b) On 17-6-92, Continental Aviation F. 27 aircraft VT-ERZ while operating on Bombay-Goa sector landed back at Bombay airport due to port engine failure in flight.

(c) Except for the inspection item called "Perform Auto-Feathering Test at Base only, the departure checks as prescribed by DGCA have been duly certified before the said flight by an officer of the Airline holding DGCA authorisation.

National Policy on Tourism

4134. SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:
SHRI MURLIDHAR CHANDRAKANT BHANDARE:

Will he Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether a national policy on tourism has been evolved lately;

(b) if so, what role has been assigned to private sector thereunder;

(c) whether any scheme for fiscal incentives for private sector is contemplaed therein; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) A National Action Plan on tourism has been presented in the Parliament on 5th May, 1992.

(b) The policy is to encourage private investment for accelerated growth of tourism.

(c) and (d) Fiscal incentives like income tax concession on foreign exchange earnings, exemption from 50 per cent income tax and expenditure tax in the case of hotels set up in rural areas, hill stations, pilgrim centres and specified destinations etc. have already been made available for attracting private investment in the tourism sector.

I.T.D.C. Leave Rules

4135. SHRI B. E. BALARAM: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that in the ITDC Leave Rules, there is a provision for study Leave and Extra Ordinary Leave without pay for the ITDC employees;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof and under which terms, conditions and circumstances the abovementioned leave can be availed of by the ITDC employees;

(c) the details of such ITDC employees who have been allowed the above-mentioned type of leave with justification and the financial implication if any, during the years, 1990, 1991 and upto the 30th June, in the year 1992; and

(d) what is the manner in which ITDC have benefited by the grant of such types of leave?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) and (b). Yes, Sir. Extra ordinary leave is without pay which is ordinarily granted to an employees at his request when no other kind of leave is admissible to him.

Study Leave is granted with pay to an employee on request for undertaking within or out of the country a special study course or specialised training in a professional or technical subject having direct/close impact on the sphere of his duty or helping him in widening/improving his knowledge in the areas connected with activities of the ITDC.

(c) Six employees were granted Study Leave during the period in question for undertaking professional courses abroad.

(d) The ITDC has been benefited by the use of advanced/technical knowledge acquired by these employees

Evaluation of Hotels of I.T.D.C.

4136. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether four foreign banks who were assigned with the ask of avaluating the 26 hotel properties of I. T. D. C. on a remuneration of about Rs. 30 lakhs in 1991, have submitted their Valuation Report;

(b) if so, what are the details of the 'Valuation' of the assets of each Hotel property of I. T. D. C. as posed by the foreign banks and whether the same valuation has been accepted by I. T. D. C. Management/ Government as justified and correct;

(c) whether before assigning the above evaluation task to foreign banks, any effort/survey was made internally by I. T. D. C. or through some Government Agency/auhority for evaluating I. T. D. C. Hotel properties, if so, the result thereof; and

(d) if the answer to part (c) above be in the negative, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) Yes, Sir. ITDC had assigned four foreign banks to assess the value of its 26 hotel properties.

(b) The valuation made is for the use of ITDC management with regard to raising of resources, planning investments and determining economic returns to the Corporation.

(c) and (d) Hotels of ITDC were not evaluated or otherwise prior to this assessment.

Setting up of Dmestic Airports in Assam

4137. SHRIMATI BASANTI SARMA: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have any proposal to provide new domestic airports in Assam in the near future;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) whether Government also propose to upgrade any of the existing airports in the State; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) No. Sir.

(b) Does not arise.

(c) Yes, Sir.